

# St. Mary's Church & Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

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*We welcome you to our historic parish family.  
Since 1741 believers such as yourself have built a spirit-  
filled, Catholic faith community here in Barnesville.  
We are privileged to have you join us in our mission to  
share God's blessings.*



February 26, 2023  
First Sunday in Lent

Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly, *Pastor*  
David Cahoon, *Deacon*  
Rev. Msgr. John Macfarlane, *Weekend Asst.*  
Elizabeth Smith, *Dir. of Faith Formation*  
Diane Yendrey, *Dir. of Music*  
Bill Lynch, *Pavilion Manager*  
Brenda Evans, *Secretary*  
Denise Crawford, *Secretary*  
Chris Carey, *Bookkeeper*  
Terry Crawford, *Sodality*  
David Bivens, *Knights of Columbus*

**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday:** 9:00 am  
**Sunday Mass:** Saturday @ 4 pm, Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 am  
**First Friday:** Adoration 9:30 am - Noon  
**First Saturday:** 9:00 am with Devotions  
**Confession:** Saturday @ 3:15 pm  
**Baptism:** by appointment  
**Wedding:** by appointment at least 6 months after initial contact  
**Rel. Ed.:** September - May  
**School:** Mary of Nazareth in Darnestown, grades PreK-8

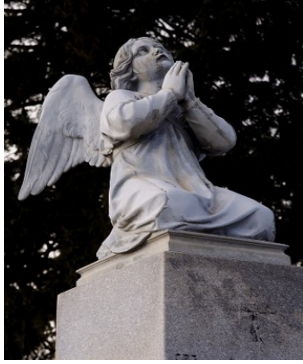


**Pray for our seminarians** Please stop by our "Vocations Tree" in the Sanctuary, where you'll see cards for each of the seminarians of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. Choose one or more cards and pray for that seminarian each day during Lent. Make it a beautiful offering to the Lord this Lent to pray for those whom He calls to give their lives in service of His Church in our archdiocese.

**Parish Mission with 30 hours of Exposition** will be next Sunday & Monday, March 5 & 6 following Donuts, Children's Crafts, and the Bethlehem Carving group. Msgr. John Macfarlane will preach that Sunday and we will begin Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 pm and it will continue through the night and on Monday until 7:00 pm, when Msgr. Macfarlane will close with a spiritual talk and Solemn Benediction. A SignUpGenius and sign up board will be available shortly. All parishioners are encouraged to make some time for Jesus this Lent.

**Lenten Materials for Children and Adults**, including the **Word Among Us** and **Magnificats** for Lent, and more helpful calendars and readings materials for young and old are available in the church.

**Stations of the Cross** Join Us on Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 pm in the church.



***Please Pray For....*** Frank Anderson, Louise Austin, Michael Austin, Christopher Barlow, Lori Bauer, Jim Bowie, Donna Brashears, Suzanne Brodt, Linda Burke, Pete Brunner, Maddie Cabatic, Norma Camp, Ada Candor, Gretchen Carrillo, Patrick Carpentier, Eric Carpentier, Pat Chmelik, Alex Chmelik, Sonya Cortez, Bridget Curan, Grant Kraft, Dot Crawford, John Curry, Dana DeLauter, Michael Dillon, Julian Douchard, Dennis Edward, Tom Ehart, Jo Evans, Timothy Flanders, Sandy Flynn, Dolores Flynn, Fr. Rich Gancayco, Kimberly Harris, Andrew Howard, Cecilia Hughan & family, Mary Lillian Hewitt, Sophie Hoover, Marie Horton, Laura Hutchinson, Eleanor Kelly, Michael Kelley, Brittany, Joe & Ava Marie Koelie, Jeffrey Krohn, Jr., John Kutzi, Ryma Lacks, Cade Lutz, David Liska Sr., Colleen Loss, Sylvia Marshall, Anna Lozada Martinez, Joy McIntyre, Anthony Murdock, Bea Nastacio, Christine O'Connell, Dennis O'Fallan, Patrick Ambrose O'Grady, Jane Parsley, Bob & Donna Pavlick, Frank Pena, Gene Post, Lauren Prete, Dennis Regii, Susan Reid, Elizabeth Renninger, Everly Reed Rice, Andrea Rivas, Misty Runyon, Tom Schwanbeck, Lin Selby, Teresa Silverman, Gene Smith, Jerry Stafford, Colleen Thomas, Christy Thomsen, Richard Thompson, Jack Thorp, Corinne Torney, Vicki Tosques, Rosalie Weller, Michael Zahn.

***Please Pray for Our Military Family & Friends...*** Richard Alford, Michael Breslin, Alex & Maxwell Chmelik, Lucas Conway, Adam Fitterer, David Gilliam, Erich Lloyd, Joshua Miller, Brian Nazarian, Elvin Rivera, Mark Russell, Oliver Weigand.

## **Dear Parishioners,**

Temptation. Even the word itself is alluring, glamorous, enticing. And that's because, if there's one thing you and I understand about life, it's the reality of being tempted. Whether it's our diets or our struggles with greed or vengeance, we've all experienced temptation.

This is possibly why the story of Jesus being tempted has always been compelling. At its core, it is essentially a battle story, a contest between the two monumental forces of good versus evil.

To properly understand what's happening in this Gospel story, we have to step back and remember the account of the Israelites being saved by God from the horrors of slavery.

After escaping the slavery imposed by the Egyptians, Israel's experience in the wilderness is expressed in terms of a test from God: "And you shall remember ... the Lord your God had led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, *testing to know what was in your heart*, whether you would keep his commandments, or not" [emphasis added].

The whole idea of being tested, of being led by God, of traveling through the "wilderness," of the symbolic number forty, and even of fasting, all comes from this original account to see if God's chosen people would be able to love in return thereby *testing to know what was in their heart*.

On a human level, the same is asked of Jesus. And notice what his test, what his temptations involve: they all have to do with the issue of power, and how it is used or abused.

God the Father is about to hand over to Jesus an enormous amount of power — the power to be God's face in the world, the power to build a kingdom of love, peace and mercy.

Jesus, then, on a purely human level, must be tested to see if, unlike the ancient Israelites who flunked the test, he can remain utterly faithful to Abba, his father.

This test is essentially the very same one that we all have to pass if we are to assume a position of power in our own lives whether as a husband or wife, a parent, a leader of any kind.

The test given Jesus and to us is threefold:

Jesus is asked to deny who he truly is: the Son of God. Will we claim our identity as God's very own, acknowledging our true identity as human beings who are made in the image of God?

Jesus is told he can be the source of great signs and wonders. Will we forsake our desire for fame and adulation, and instead live a life of humility focused on service?

Jesus is told he will be given all the power and glory of the world's kingdoms. Will we be able to resist the power inherent in greed, lust, vengeance and all the glamor the world offers?

Temptations are powerfully seductive and alluring. In the example of Jesus, we are invited to resist them as did Jesus. On this First Sunday of Lent, our Gospel challenges us to do the same. Among the central themes of this season is the recognition that we all have to do battle against temptation — especially the temptation to misuse power.

To assist us in this conversion process, the church asks us to remember and to practice the message found in Deuteronomy: Go into your own *wilderness* for forty days. Pray, fast, become contrite, increase our service to others — all of this *testing to know what was in your heart*, and to remind us once again: "The Lord, your God shall you worship and him alone shall you serve" (Dt 8:2).

*Peace, Fr. Kevin*

## WORSHIP



"All of these I will give to you, if you but prostrate yourself and worship me." At this time Jesus said to him, "Get away Satan."

- Matthew 4:9-10

### Mass Intentions

- Sat., 25** 4 pm - Br. Edwin Dupre  
**Sun., 26** 8:30 am - Parishioners  
10:30 am - Barbara Auman  
**Mon., 27** 9 am - George Brings  
**Tue., 28** 9 am - Veronica Platt  
**Wed., 1** 9 am - John Luczycki  
**Thu., 2** 9 am - Eucharistic Service  
**Fri., 3** 9 am - Effie Young (L)  
**Sat., 4** 9 am - Douglas Sherwood

**Baby Bottle Campaign** Shady Grove Pregnancy Center helps pregnant women facing difficult choices with options counseling, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and material aid. Women considering abortion can come to the center and make a life-affirming choice instead, thanks to your support. Pick up and fill a baby bottle with coins, currency, or a check made out to Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Put "St. Mary's BBC" in the memo. Please return all bottles by April 9. To give virtually, use the link to get to your church's unique giving page: <https://donate.givedirect.org/?cid=15687>

**Friday Lenten Dinners** sponsored by our Knights of Columbus are coming on March 3, 10, 24, & 31 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Fr. Reid Pavilion. The menu features Salmon, Fish Sticks, Mac-n-cheese, Salad bar, Ziti, Fries & Garlic Bread. Crab Cake for an up charge. The cost is \$14 per person, See the flyer in this bulletin for more details.

**2023 Annual Appeal: Many Ministries, One Church** This past weekend parishioners were asked prayerfully to consider making a gift to the 2023 Annual Appeal. There are envelopes available for you to make a commitment, or make your gift at [give.adw.org](http://give.adw.org). Visit [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to learn more about how the Annual Appeal benefits our parish and serves people in need throughout the archdiocese. It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. All gifts will be credited toward our parish goal. Thank you in advance for your generous response to the 2023 Annual Appeal.

**Young Family Ministry** All families with young children are invited to spend a morning together on Saturday, March 4th, from 10am-12pm in the Parish Pavilion. This event is designed to help parents and children ages 2nd grade and younger live the season of Lent together. We will have a children's songs, stories, and games with a Lenten center. Coffee and bagels will be provided in the morning. Please pack a lunch. To RSVP or learn more, contact Brenda Stohlman at [blinibrenda@gmail.com](mailto:blinibrenda@gmail.com)



### "To Jesus Through Mary" St. Mary's Sodality

Join us on March 12th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish House. Newcomers welcome!

Many generations of women in Sodality have sought enrichment of their spiritual lives through devotion to our Blessed Mother, always leading to increased devotion and love of her Divine Son. Following Mary's example, Sodality members organize to meet our church's spiritual and material needs.



**Donuts and Much More !** Next Sunday we have Donuts, Lent & Easter Crafts for children. The olive-wood Carvers from

Bethlehem will be here. Haiti Coffee is always available.



**The St. Patrick's Party** is coming on Saturday, March 18 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the Fr. Reid Pavilion. Make plans to

join us. The band, the food, the bread, and new dancers will be on hand. Call or email the office to sign up. This years cost is \$25 per person and \$75 for a family of four. No sales at the door. Reserve your spot now.



**Knights of Columbus Council #6901 3-On-3 Basketball Tournament** to be held Saturday

March 4th, 1p.m to benefit Western Upper Montgomery County Help (WUMCO). Age groups: 14U Boys/14U Girls, 18U Boys/18 U Girls, Adults/Mixed. Non-perishable food items or monetary contributions requested. The event will be at Poolesville Baptist Church. Contact Donald Patti (866-478-8080, [nash Rambler@yahoo.com](mailto:nash Rambler@yahoo.com)) or Dave Bivans (301-977-4734, [dnlbivans34@verizon.net](mailto:dnlbivans34@verizon.net)) to register or for more information.